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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It means that the Minister does not want to commit himself to more than what he has stated."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Registrar fixed this rate at the request of the societies and banks concerned or is it an unnecessary interference on his part?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Notice."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether it is the object of the Government to discourage local bodies from investing their funds in co-operative central banks by offering only 4 per cent to them while they allow the banks to pay $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent to private persons?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is argumentative."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister whether this rate of 4 per cent was due to the fact that the banks have huge surpluses?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"Possibly so, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"Why should the local bodies alone be penalized, Sir?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The policy is not to penalize the local bodies."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"Are not the Local Bodies prevented from investing their funds in banks other than Co-operative banks and the Imperial Bank?"

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is asking for an opinion."

Education

Recruitment of Junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 1770 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of Junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools;

(*b*) the number of secondary grade assistants appointed as Junior Deputy Inspectors;

(*c*) whether the posts of Junior Deputy Inspectors are mainly intended to be filled up by senior men in the cadre of secondary-grade assistants;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that fresh graduates possessing the B.A. and L.T. degrees with no previous experience selected by the Staff Selection Board are appointed as Junior Deputy Inspectors superseding the claims of secondary-grade assistants with many years' service to their credit;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that male secondary-grade assistants are started on Rs. 35 a month, the ordinary clerk's pay, although they possess the additional professional qualifications; and

(*f*) whether there is any proposal in the reorganization of the Education Department to give the same pay to male secondary assistants as to women secondary-grade assistants?

A.—(*a*) 108.
(*b*) 69.
(*c*) No.

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(*d*) Graduates are sometimes recruited direct as Junior Deputy Inspectors but there is no question of "superseding the claims of secondary-grade teachers."

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Minister for Education the pay that is given to the women Deputy Inspectors?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Notice."

Assignment of schools to Junior Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 1771 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) who assigns schools for annual inspection to the junior grade Deputy Inspectors of Schools at present in Madura and Trichinopoly districts;

(*b*) whether there is any principle laid down in regard to the assignment of schools to the junior grade Deputy Inspectors of Schools; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the junior grade Deputy Inspectors have been assigned scattered schools in three and more taluks in some of the ranges of the Madura and Trichinopoly districts?

A.—(*a*) The District Educational Officer.

(*b*) The principle followed is to give relief to Senior Deputy Inspectors in charge of the heavier ranges.

(*c*) In some cases, Junior Deputy Inspectors have been given work in more than one taluk but the area entrusted to them is as compact as possible.

Encouragement to common schools for children of all classes and creeds.

* 1772 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the present policy of the Government is to encourage common schools for children of all classes and creeds;

(*b*) whether the sentiments expressed by the hon. Minister in regard to this matter at the recent conference of the District Educational Officers are an indication of this policy; and

(*c*) whether G.O. Mis. No. 104, Education, dated 15th January 1929, lays down that the District Educational Council in South Kanara should allow Catholics to get recognition and aid for schools of their own?

A.—(*a*) Yes—as far as possible.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On representations received by Government that according to the Canon Law of the Roman Catholics, the Roman Catholic parents are bound to send their children to Catholic schools and that the Roman Catholics in the South Kanara district